Involvement of Poor in the Growth Process

2425. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Ninth plan poverty can effectively be eradicated only when the poor start contributing to the growth by their active involvement in the growth process; and

(b) if so, how does Government plan to mobiles the poor to ensure their participation?

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Fund Sanctioned under Non-Lapsable Central Pool

2426. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total amount of fund sanctioned by Government under Centra! non-lapsable fund for the North Eastern Region in the current years allocation;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) by when the fund is expected to be released?

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